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NATIONAL MINERAL POLICY
Laguri Smt. Sakuntala;Muddahanumegowda Shri S.P.

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amenities provided to the people living in areas adjoining the mining areas under National Mining Policy, 2008;

(b) whether a number of complaints have been received from such people regarding lack of welfare schemes in mining affected areas during the last three years and if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government has made any amendments to the said policy to prevent its misuse; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND STEEL (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question Number 14 for reply on 24.11.2014 regarding National Mineral Policy asked by Shrimati Sakuntala Laguri and Shri S. P. Muddahanume Gowda

(a) and (b): The National Mineral Policy, 2008 states that a major thrust is to be given to development of infrastructural facilities with special emphasis on Linking Infrastructure, development of health, education, drinking water, road and other related facilities and infrastructure in the mineral bearing areas. Mining activities will be so undertaken that special care is paid to protect the interest of host, indigenous (tribal) population and the people living in the mining area through developing models of stakeholder interest based o n international best practices. Social impact assessment will be undertaken to ensure that suitable Relief and Rehabilitation packages are evolved. The policy also provides that a mechanism will be evolved to improve the living standards of the affected population and ensure for them a sustainable income above the poverty line.

Providing amenities for people living in areas adjoining the mining areas is a subject matter of State Governments as they grant mineral concession as owner of the minerals. Complaints that may have been received from such people regarding lack of welfare schemes in mining affected areas are dealt by State Governments and such data are not centrally maintained.

(c): No Madam.

(d): Does not arise in the view of (c) above.